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This summary presents results of a July 1984 survey of occupational wages in the State of West Virginia. This is 1 of 92 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 71 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 143 establishments employing 63,777 workers was selected to represent 949 establishments employing 161,007 workers in the area. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.) Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request.

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in West Virginia, July 1984

Occupation	Number of workers			Hourly earnings (all workers)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																		
	All[2]	Men	Women	Mean	Median	Middle range	3.30 and under 3.40	3.40 – 3.50	3.50 – 3.60	3.60 – 4.40	4.40 – 5.20	5.20 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.80	6.80 – 7.60	7.60 – 8.40	8.40 – 9.20	9.20 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.80	10.80 – 11.60	11.60 – 12.40	12.40 – 13.20	13.20 – 14.00	14.00 – 14.80	14.80 – 15.60	15.60 – 16.40	16.40 – 17.20
Secretaries	926	1	921	9.61	9.88	8.01–11.03	-	-	-	3	27	61	56	42	71	86	135	166	141	30	54	22	18	15	1	-
Secretaries I	122	-	122	8.84	9.12	8.04– 9.87	-	-	-	3	9	-	6	1	22	21	39	10	5	2	-	1	3	-	-	-
Secretaries II	210	-	210	9.52	10.07	8.71–10.70	-	-	-	-	9	12	7	3	10	27	35	61	42	1	-	-	-	3	-	-
Secretaries III	345	1	344	9.41	9.75	7.07–11.47	-	-	-	-	2	47	28	32	21	16	34	41	60	21	29	11	3	1	-	-
Secretaries IV	120	-	120	9.23	8.40	7.64–11.56	-	-	-	-	7	2	13	6	16	18	15	2	14	4	15	3	3	-	-	-
Secretaries V	99	-	99	10.84	10.65	10.24–10.91	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	12	52	20	2	2	1	5	2	1	-
Typists	92	-	92	6.73	5.62	5.28– 7.10	-	-	-	-	20	39	6	6	-	-	12	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Typists I	65	-	65	6.21	5.52	5.00– 5.80	-	-	-	-	20	29	2	2	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists II	27	-	27	7.98	6.74	5.79– 9.92	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks	174	1	173	4.93	4.60	4.25– 4.96	-	-	10	58	65	29	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
File clerks I	87	1	86	4.73	4.63	4.23– 5.52	-	-	10	22	25	26	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Messengers	20	9	11	5.43	4.41	4.34– 5.33	-	-	-	5	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receptionists	43	-	43	4.89	4.40	3.35– 5.76	20	-	-	-	6	9	3	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators	155	-	155	6.18	4.44	3.65– 9.33	-	-	29	39	14	12	4	2	2	8	38	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators	500	19	481	6	6.38	4.87– 9.12	-	14	-	43	83	77	61	58	20	34	80	4	12	3	3	8	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators I	357	-	357	5	5.76	4.70– 9.08	-	14	-	43	67	73	38	16	10	26	53	3	9	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators II	143	19	124	8	7.33	6.48– 9.30	-	-	-	-	16	4	23	42	10	8	27	1	3	1	-	8	-	-	-	-
Computer operators	317	153	164	8	7.96	6.50–10.32	-	-	-	-	46	10	56	32	29	25	23	41	14	17	6	7	5	4	3	-
Computer operators I	97	21	76	6.56	6.26	5.00– 6.85	-	-	-	-	30	7	31	10	2	3	13	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators II	160	90	70	9.16	8.57	7.44–10.72	-	-	-	-	12	3	13	20	16	18	5	41	13	6	3	1	-	4	3	-
Computer operators III	52	34	18	10.23	9.51	7.36–13.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	4	4	5	-	-	11	3	6	5	-	-	-
Computer data librarians	13	-	13	7.69	7.69	- -	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters	209	192	17	10.46	10.91	7.94–12.86	-	-	-	9	-	14	4	15	18	5	23	16	16	29	17	26	6	3	4	4
Drafters II	15	5	10	5.66	4.21	4.21– 7.67	-	-	-	9	-	-	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters III	68	67	1	8.36	7.87	7.35– 9.98	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	12	11	2	15	8	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters IV	55	51	4	10.92	11.09	9.81–12.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	6	8	11	16	2	-	3	-	-	-
Drafters V	67	66	1	13.54	13.35	12.82–13.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	15	26	3	3	4	4
Electronics technicians	496	494	2	12.51	13.02	11.63–13.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	9	20	10	57	53	85	215	20	3	3	-
Electronics technicians II	268	268	-	11.94	11.95	11.19–13.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	9	18	-	51	60	74	29	17	-	-	-
Electronics technicians III	39	39	-	13.05	13.15	12.53–13.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	3	11	11	2	3	2	-
Maintenance carpenters	178	177	1	12.27	12.39	12.38–12.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	-	3	-	-	82	63	7	2	6	-	-
Maintenance electricians	1,472	1,470	2	12.36	12.73	12.34–12.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	35	25	57	1	118	208	725	257	10	21	-	-
Maintenance painters	63	62	1	11.20	11.26	10.86–12.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	1	-	-	20	11	13	1	3	-	-	-
Maintenance machinists	642	642	-	11.82	12.34	10.89–12.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	71	75	107	97	194	62	26	3	-	-
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	1,925	1,920	5	12.14	12.43	12.34–13.33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	55	125	18	30	126	220	848	688	3	-	-	-
Maintenance pipefitters	603	600	3	12.56	12.42	12.42–12.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	3	-	2	108	412	84	8	-	-	-
Motor vehicle mechanics	750	750	-	11.30	11.67	10.20–12.53	-	-	-	-	-	10	30	26	6	48	26	66	143	137	143	95	15	5	-	-
General maintenance workers	467	467	-	7.03	6.75	5.00– 7.33	-	-	6	74	45	-	120	9	100	24	45	23	20	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tool and die makers	379	379	-	10.77	11.08	9.8 - -11.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	88	40	-	160	44	9	42	-	-	-	-
Stationary engineers	49	49	-	10.81	11.40	11.38–12.41	-	-	-	-	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	15	9	9	4	2	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in West Virginia, July 1984 —Continued

Occupation	Number of workers			Hourly earnings (all workers)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																	
	All[2]	Men	Women	Mean	Median	Middle range	3.30 and under 3.40	3.40 – 3.50	3.50 – 3.60	3.60 – 4.40	4.40 – 5.20	5.20 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.80	6.80 – 7.60	7.60 – 8.40	8.40 – 9.20	9.20 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.80	10.80 – 11.60	11.60 – 12.40	12.40 – 13.20	13.20 – 14.00	14.00 – 14.80	14.80 – 15.60	15.60 – 16.40	16.40 – 17.20
Truckdrivers	1,575	1,572	3	9.49	9.35	7.79–11.63	25	–	25	42	123	17	85	67	82	266	172	43	155	272	10	210	1	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, light truck	140	140	–	6.26	7.38	6.75–11.40	25	–	–	–	–	–	44	10	–	–	–	2	47	11	–	–	1	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, medium truck	284	284	–	10.98	13.46	7.84–13.58	–	–	–	20	20	2	–	29	6	–	18	31	1	–	–	157	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	172	172	–	8.82	9.35	6.68–11.14	–	–	–	17	13	4	11	–	22	1	40	6	18	32	8	–	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	717	717	–	9.79	9.35	8.75–11.61	–	–	10	5	15	9	–	27	–	265	114	4	59	156	–	53	–	–	–	–
Heavy equipment operators	175	175	–	11.78	11.65	11.50–11.93	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	71	69	26	–	–	4	–	–
Shipping packers	190	53	137	5.53	5.75	3.65– 6.25	–	–	–	85	5	37	24	–	2	32	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Material handling laborers	500	472	24	7.80	8.79	4.75–12.17	5	–	–	87	50	–	137	25	10	55	–	–	–	40	85	6	–	–	–	–
Forklift operators	1,105	1,046	55	9.96	11.14	8.05–12.55	–	–	–	15	36	66	83	60	57	159	32	6	194	120	276	1	–	–	–	–
Guards	621	593	28	7.77	6.80	3.70–11.14	42	5	67	76	75	2	38	21	–	5	9	111	41	80	37	–	3	9	–	–
Guards I	547	526	21	7.35	6.64	3.65–10.47	42	5	67	68	75	–	38	21	–	2	5	104	39	53	19	–	–	9	–	–
Guards II	74	67	7	10.91	12.18	10.54–12.45	–	–	–	8	–	2	–	–	–	3	4	7	2	27	18	–	3	–	–	–
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	1,468	1,034	430	6.30	5.28	3.75– 8.96	204	12	59	299	98	175	63	98	45	106	102	83	38	85	1	–	–	–	–	–

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Incentive payments, such as those resulting from piecework, production bonuses, and commission systems, are included in the wages reported; nonproduction bonuses are excluded. Cost-of-living allowances are considered as part of the workers' regular pay. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more and one-half receive the same as or less than the rate shown. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate.

[2] May include data for workers not identified by sex. Similarly, for occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in West Virginia,[1] July 1984

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	949	143	161,007	100	63,777
Manufacturing	50	305	50	81,600	51	36,757
Nonmanufacturing[5]	50	644	93	79,407	49	27,020

[1] The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis of comparison with other statistical series for the area to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual was used in classifying establishments by industry division.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets of companies in such industries as trade, finance, auto repair service, and motion picture theaters (within a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area or nonmetropolitan county) are considered as one establishment.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; laundries and other personal services; automobile repair, rental, and parking; motion pictures; nonprofit membership organizations (excluding religious and charitable organizations); engineering and architectural services; and miscellaneous business services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; some services (notably educational institutions and medical services); and government operations.

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